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# A Review of PV Inverter Technology Cost and Performance Projections

An analytical seminar presented by DOE and NREL's Energy Analysis Office (EAO)

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Noon – 1 p.m. (in Washington, D.C. - bring your lunch) 10 – 11 a.m. (videoconference in Golden, Colo.)

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has a major responsibility in the implementation of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Solar Energy Technologies Program – and Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) has a major role in supporting inverter development, characterization, standards, certifications, and verifications. The Solar Energy Technologies Program recently published a multiyear technical plan, which establishes a goal of reducing the Levelized Energy Cost (LEC) for photovoltaic (PV) systems to \$0.06/kWh by 2020. NREL requested that Navigant Consulting Inc. (NCI) conduct a review of historical and projected cost and performance improvements for PV inverters, including identification of critical barriers and the approaches government might use to address them. In this presentation, NCI representatives will discuss their findings in the DOE-directed review of the PV Program's technical and economic targets, including the target set for PV inverters.



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